



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: David A. Foti *et al.*

Application number: 09/518,287

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For: *METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING  
EXTERNALLY-DEFINED OBJECTS FROM AN ARRAY-  
BASED MATHEMATICAL COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT*

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Response is filed responsive to the final Office action dated June 1, 2004 (Paper No. 18). Claims 1-34 were presented for examination. Claims 1-34 stand rejected. Thus, claims 1-34 are presently pending in this application. The following comments address all stated grounds of rejection. Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to pass the claims to allowance in view of the comments set forth below.